

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-11, 14-21, 24-31 and 34-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-11, 14-21, 24-31 and 34-40 have been rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 6-7, 16-17, 21, 26-27, 31 and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Aravamudan (U.S. Pub. No. 20030148779). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Page 7, section [0085] of Aravamudan discloses that a “user may have multiple group calls listed on the user’s handset user interface, e.g., a soccer club group and a card playing group.” In other words, the list is set or already established and residing on the handset and it is only those group calls that the user has predetermined to be on the handset that are accessible to them.

This is in contrast to the Applicants’ claimed invention where as recited in claim 1, a member list is received from a user and a request is sent to a server to initiate a group call based on the received member list. There is no need for the user to predetermine or preprogram the member lists that they want to participate in.

Furthermore, sections [0093-0096] of Aravamudan disclose the use of SIP invite messages and attempts to detect traffic on the ports that were previously negotiated as illustrated in FIG. 13. If such traffic is detected, talk control is assigned to the corresponding user, and an acknowledgment message is sent to handset A (or any of the handsets in the group) indicating that talk control has been assigned.

Again, this portion of Aravamudan fails to disclose a member list is received from a user and a request is sent to a server to initiate a group call based on the received member list as claimed in claim 1 of the Applicants' invention.

Claims 6-7 are dependent claims that depend upon independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

Claims 11, 21 and 31 are independent claims that recite related features to independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

Claims 16-17, 26-27 and 36-37 are dependent claims that depend upon independent claims 11, 21 and 31 respectively, and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4-5, 14-15, 24-25 and 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aravamudan (U.S. Pub. No. 20030148779) in view of Diep (U.S. Publication No. 20030048764). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 4-5 are dependent claims that depend from independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1. The application of Diep as the secondary reference, does not cure the deficiencies of the primary reference Aravamudan, as discussed above in addressing the previous 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection noted above.

Claims 14-15, 24-25 and 34-35 are dependent claims that depend on independent claims 11, 21 and 31 respectively. The independent claims recite related subject matter to independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as

well as the additionally recited features found in these claims. Consequently, the dependent claims 14-15, 24-25 and 34-35 should be allowed for at least the same reasons as the independent claims that they depend upon as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

Claims 8-10, 18-20, 28-30 and 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Aravamudan (U.S. Pub. No. 20030148779) in view of Wang (U.S. Pub. No. 20020055364). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 8-10 are dependent claims that depend from independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1. The application of Wang as the secondary reference, does not cure the deficiencies of the primary reference Aravamudan, as discussed above in addressing the previous 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection noted above.

Claims 8-10, 18-20, 28-30 and 38-40 are dependent claims that depend on independent claims 11, 21 and 31 respectively. The independent claims recite related subject matter to independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

Consequently, the dependent claims 8-10, 18-20, 28-30 and 38-40 should be allowed for at least the same reasons as the independent claims that they depend upon, as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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